(c) if so, the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) According to media reports, the scheduled Bollywood show in Karachi, Pakistan, for raising funds for the victims of the earthquake of October, 2005, was cancelled due to the denial of visa to a renowned poet and script writer of India.

(b) and (c) In the framework of the Composite Dialogue, India has proposed to Pakistan that a liberal visa regime be established for cultural and literary personalities. India has been implementing such a liberal visa policy unilaterally.

F-16 Fighter Planes to Pakistan

†305. SHRI MOTILAL VORA
MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether America has decided to give eighteen F-16 fighter planes to Pakistan;

(b) whether it is a fact that America would also upgrade 34 old aeroplanes in the fleet of F-16 planes of Pakistan;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Pakistan has used its fighter planes against India only; and

(d) if so, whether Government have lodged its protest with America?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) and (b) The US Defence Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) has notified the US Congress on 28 June, 2006 of a possible sale of 36 F-16C/D Block 50-52 Aircraft. The DSCA has also notified its intention of a possible supply of 60 F-16A/B Mid-Life Update Modification kits and Falcon Star Structured Service Life Enhancement Kits with associated equipment and services.

(c) Yes, Sir.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) The issue of US planning to supply F-16 aircrafts to Pakistan has been the subject of discussion with the US Government for some time. The Prime Minister has even in the past, expressed his disappointment to US President at the US approach on supply of F-16 aircraft to Pakistan. Official Spokesperson of the Government reiterated this Indian position on 3 July 2006, stating that this step is not conducive to improving ties between India and Pakistan.

Misuse of Indian girls abroad

306. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have surveyed the states of Indian girls taken to foreign countries;

(b) if so, whether they are found to be misused; and

(c) the steps taken to prevent such misuse?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty

307. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the draft Bill on the US and India Nuclear Cooperation Promotion Act of 2006 seeks to enforce India to comply with the Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty (FMCT) which India had in the past refused to sign on the grounds of its being discriminatory; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) A draft Bill titled the 'United States and India Nuclear Cooperation Promotion Act of 2006' has been introduced in the US House of Representatives. Section 4(b)(4) of this